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Submit the following for Monday, the 27th day
of September, 1926.

Nothing stirring here in re of witnesses today
only as the Reporters say the same old thing; -
Underwood expects a new witness, but none appears.

During a conversation with a reporter of the
"Graphic" called "Jake", he being a Hebrew, the
following took place, he said they had to compete
with the "Mirror" and it was a hard thing to do,
to make up a story when one had nothing to make
one up from; yet they would have to make one up
any way if not you were let go quick, also told
me there were twenty (20) reporters in New Brunswick
and from 10 to 15 here in Somerville, the Mirror has
five in Brunswick and two of them take pictures,
other three get and make exciting stories, the News
has three reporters there and five in Somerville,
the "Graphic" has three reporters in Brunswick and
and two in Somerville, there between the Journal,
World and other papers would make up the 20 in
Brunswick and balance in Somerville; therefore as
the above statement proves, the stories regarding
so many witnesses they have as they numbered them
as 47.

Also at 1:30 P.M. all reporters met in Hotel
Somerville and appointed a committee to see Judge
Parker regarding some 140 seats for all reporters
for different papers, and during their conversation
they, or rather some of them, wanted to bar out the
Plainfield paper owing to them not being with
Prosecutor, said objection was defeated by the News
reporter, stating that they were newspaper men.
At 2:30 P.M., after a very heated argument, they
adjourned until 5:30 P.M., when committee was to
report. At 5:45 P.M. committee reported and from
conversation Judge Parker had not decided how many
seats could be spared for them but looked as though
they will have to go up in the gallery, and further
it looks as though he will not permit pictures taken
in court; which all reporters went up in the air, and
stated if he got cold towards them he would be sorry;
St. Louis and Chicago papers reporters were mentioned,
this was defeated by majority saying they are out of
town, let them take their chances, we are looking after
our own papers here.